

# PLAIN TALKS

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## THE COVER

The cover shot depicts ongoing construction of Edison Plaza, the company's new headquarters, which is expected to be ready for occupancy by September, 1981.

An estimated 1,100 Beaumont employees will be housed in the structure.

This month's lead article features an interview with Jack Worthy, vice president-general services, the man perhaps most familiar with plans for the plaza.

Eddie Belair  
Gulf States Utilities  
Jennings, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Belair:

Joel and I wish to thank you for all your time and effort in making our home an energy efficient one. Your suggestions were extremely helpful and your patience with our ineptness was appreciated.

The job you're doing for this community is extremely important. Though the going gets tough and bogged down, don't give up. Our energy future needs good workers such as yourself.

Thanks again,  
Donna Richert

Gulf States Utilities  
Port Allen, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I just want to thank you and each worker that helped restore our electricity after the storm (in mid-May). I know each one of you must have worked real hard, night and day.

I just wanted you to know that I did appreciate it and would imagine that a lot of other people did, too. God bless you all.

Mrs. A.G. Martin

Gulf States Utilities  
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Sir:

A few months ago, we had a gentleman from your department (Beaumont Division Consumer Services) come out to our home and check systems for air leakage, and so on.

Among the things suggested that we took care of were the air conditioning pipes in the attic.

Upon inspection, we found that the air intake duct had become completely detached from the unit, thus drawing all air from the attic and not the house.

Also, we discovered that one of the main ducts running across the attic had been moved to allow for some building and this duct was almost completely open, which, of course, dumped the cold air into the attic.

We appreciated the service and should be again paid by better heating and air conditioning, plus a savings on the bills.

Thanks again,  
Elinor and Ken Stephens  
Kountze, Texas

C.A. Estes  
Gulf States Utilities  
Conroe, Texas

Dear Mr. Estes:

I wish to take a moment of your time to praise one of your staff whom I have found to be very efficient, knowledgeable and friendly. She is Bernice Tharp. Ms. Tharp has dealt with me when problems were rather critical, and otherwise, and she has always gotten to the quickest solution and has done so better than anyone previously.

Having knowledge of the stress one will encounter in the service department of an organization, I recognize what a credit she is to Gulf States.

Sincerely,  
Ross Bishop  
President, Bishop Homes, Inc.  
The Woodlands, Texas

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## Public hearings before the PUCT set for September

Public hearings on GSU's latest rate increase request have been set to begin before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) September 3.

The company filed for an \$84.8 million electric service rate increase in Texas on June 17. The requested figure represents a 27 percent rate increase for the company's 240,000 Texas customers.

Board Chairman Don Crawford said the company regretted having to ask for the increase, but the accelerating cost of doing business fueled by inflation and the high cost of borrowing money necessitated the rate request.

If the commission and the more than 60 municipalities served by GSU grant the request, it would mean a typical residential customer, who uses about 1000 kilowatt-hours a month, would see his bill increase by about \$11.69 a month.



## Company names new vice president

William J. Jefferson, 51, became GSU's vice president of rates and regulatory affairs on July 1.

The Hot Springs, Ark., native had been with Consumers Power Co. of Jackson, Mich., for the last 22 years, most recently as executive director of rates and regulation.

In his new position, Jefferson primarily is responsible for the development and design of GSU's utility rate structures, company compliance with regulatory authorities' orders and their requests for information.

He is a 1953 graduate of the United States Military Academy with a bachelor of science degree in general engineering and has done post-graduate work in survey research techniques, accounting, financial management and economics.

Active in several civic and professional organizations, Jefferson is married and has two children.

## Ken Haynie receives Gold Quill Award

Ken Haynie, graphics coordinator in the Public Affairs Department, Beaumont, has been named a recipient of the 1980 Gold Quill Award sponsored by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).

Haynie received the award in the photography-color feature category.

The Gold Quill program recognizes excellence in organizational communication efforts. Categories in the IABC awards program included internal and external publications, audio-visual communications, writing, design, photography and special communications programs.

According to an IABC spokesman, a record 3,800 entries were received from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Haynie, who holds a degree in commercial art from Lamar University, is a member of the Houston chapter of IABC.



# Master computer to regulate security, energy usage in new headquarters

**Editor's note:** Gulf States' employees in downtown Beaumont have watched as Edison Plaza, the company's new corporate headquarters, has been taking shape over the past seven months. First, they watched as the 17-story elevator shaft went into place; now they can view placement of the main supports for each floor and of the two stair wells.

The GSUer most familiar with construction plans for the new building is Jack Worthy, vice president-general services. In a recent Plain Talks interview, Worthy described the sophistication of the structure's design.

**PT:** This building has been described as ultra-sophisticated, especially in terms of security and energy-saving features. What factors will contribute to the building's success in these areas?

**Worthy:** The most significant factor will be our reliance on a building management system, which is now on order from Honeywell Corporation. I'm convinced that this system will help us control costs while ensuring that the tower runs comfortably, safely and smoothly. A single master system—or computer, if you prefer—will control chillers, pumps, air handlers, lighting and fire, smoke and security detectors.

**PT:** Can you give any more details about this building management system?

**Worthy:** Each day the computer will receive and analyze data from hundreds of points around the building, making command decisions that will assure optimum efficiency from the building's equipment. Our projections show that use of this computer, coupled with other aspects of the building's design, will enable us to limit

energy consumption to around 55,000 to 58,000 BTUs per square foot per year—pretty remarkable performance in an area where many other buildings, some built within the past 10 years, use 90,000 BTUs per square foot per year and upwards. The comparable figure in the existing headquarters—which is much older, of course—is 217,757 BTUs per square foot annually.

**PT:** How will the computer monitor the security of the building?

**Worthy:** It will be tied in with controlled access devices and television monitors. Additionally, Security Control will be located on the ground floor of the building. We will continue to have uniformed security guards, particularly since the lobby will feature a display area for Thomas A. Edison mementos.

**PT:** Besides bringing so many employees together under one roof, how else will the new building provide a different work environment for employees?

**Worthy:** For many employees, it will mark their first time to work within an "open area" office design. While the open area concept is hardly new—GSU accounting employees have worked that way for years—it is certainly fast growing in acceptance. I have visited several such buildings, including the Dayton (Ohio) Power and Light building, and the Houston offices for Prudential Life Insurance Company and Brown and Root.

**PT:** What advantages do you see to an open area office?

**Worthy:** The open area concept was selected because it will minimize the cost of relocating departments and individual work areas. Our records show that most departments of our company require a complete change of layout every three years. In a permanent office setup, the changes can be quite expensive when you have to move walls and rearrange electrical

and telephone lines. That sort of relocation can cost from \$10 to \$30 per square foot, but our selection of an "access" floor in an open area will reduce the relocation costs to about \$2 per square foot.

**PT:** What is an access floor?

**Worthy:** It consists of two-foot-square metal sections set on six-inch pedestals, then carpeted with 18-inch squares. Electrical and telephone lines installed beneath the access floor can be easily rearranged simply by unscrewing the four set screws which hold the floor panels rigid. Thus you have easy access to the wires and fixtures.

**PT:** Won't the open area environment disrupt work?

**Worthy:** Supervisors in director positions and higher will have permanent or enclosed offices, most of which will be located along the east and north sides of the building. Also, each floor will have an enclosed conference room. Other employee work areas will be provided with 65-inch-high acoustical panels which will provide the necessary individual privacy and minimize disruptions. With added greenery, the open area concept can be very attractive and efficient.

**PT:** How will total space of Edison Plaza Tower compare with the existing building, the Edison Hotel building?

**Worthy:** Total floor space will be 4½ times the present building and 25 percent more efficient.

**PT:** Will the new building, although only 17 stories high, be taller than the old building?

**Worthy:** Yes. The total height of the new building will be 254 feet, with the first floor of the tower accounting for 21 feet and the 17th floor being 19 feet tall. The remaining 15 floors will each be 14 feet. Another four feet will consist of a precast wall that will run along the top of the building. The present building is 220 feet



high with an average floor height of 10 feet.

**PT:** What will be the parking situation when the building is ready for occupancy in the fall of 1981?

**Worthy:** The building will feature a 200-space parking garage and mechanical building that will connect to the second floor by a bridge. Piling for the garage foundation was started June 15. Employees and customers will find adequate parking provided in the blocks to the east and north of the tower.

**PT:** Will the new building include a cafeteria?

**Worthy:** It certainly will, and I believe that the "scramble" design of the facility will hasten service during the busiest part of the lunch break. Patrons will be able to split into separate serving lines for salads, sandwiches or hot foods, as well as two beverage serving areas. GSU intends to find a topnotch outside firm to manage and operate it for us.

**PT:** How close is the building to completion now?

**Worthy:** Reports from the contracting firm, Henry C. Beck Co., reveal work on Edison Plaza was 20 percent complete on July 1. Construction is expected to speed up in the coming months, with the building about 55 percent complete by the end of 1980.

**PT:** Since Edison Plaza adjoins the site of the demolished Tevis Street Power Plant, how will that area be used?

**Worthy:** It will be used as a green area. After the abandoned power plant was leveled, we discovered cement canals—apparently used for circulating water for the generators—beneath the foundation. That discovery helped us reach the decision to landscape.

## Chart shows who will be where in new building

Floor	Personnel
17	Executive staff, corporate secretary and staff
16	Treasurer and staff, Varibus, Internal Audits, Planning, assistants to senior and executive vice presidents
15	Future expansion
14	Accounting Services (general accounting, subsidiary accounting and reports, tax accounting, budgeting and control, rates)
13	Accounting Services (plant accounting, business systems, division accounting, accounts payable, payroll administration)
12	Information and Data Services
11	Fuel and Materials Management (procurement control, purchasing department, materials planning, contract services, legal services) and General Services (risk management)
10	General Services (space administration, telecom, steno center, PBX, library, reproduction, microfilm, mail addressograph and courier services)
9	Human Resources (industrial relations, personnel services, training and safety department)
8	Technical Services (system operations), Consumer Services and Public Affairs
7	Technical Services (engineering standards and applications, engineering services, transmission planning and real estate)
6	Technical Services (relay design and coordination, transmission and substation drafting, transmission and substation engineering, commercial design and technical services)
5	Future expansion
4	General Services (records management, power production and telephone equipment room)
3	Power Plant Engineering and Design (design engineering, plant services and special programs)
2	Nuclear Projects/Fossil Projects (project services, Nelson Coal and Sabine 5)
1	Cafe, building and grounds maintenance, Security, Human Resources and the lobby



# Lafayette employee launches local political career

by Susan Gilley

**L**ately, Robert "Bob" Domingue finds himself increasingly worried about garbage.

But the Lafayette service supervisor is not dangerously obsessed with the topic—it's just one of many issues that confront him in his new role of city councilman.

A 30-year veteran of the company, Domingue was sworn in as District 1 councilman on June 2, only two weeks after his election to the post in the second primary.

Domingue won, despite the fact that incumbent Pat Calais, who had served as council president four times, outstripped Domingue by 600 votes in the first primary. A third contender was eliminated from the May 17 runoff, when Domingue defeated Calais 954-773.

Although a novice politico, Domingue is already familiar with the key concerns of his constituents.

"Most complaints are about trash pick-up," he reveals. Although the city is "out of the business," a private firm operates under a franchise with Lafayette, which owns a landfill outside the city limits.

Councilmen are now "looking at different ways to get rid of garbage," Domingue says, adding, "We're looking seriously at a shredder."

Even garbage problems take a back seat to another issue—zoning.

"If an issue affects a person, they'll (voters) be here (at council meetings) in droves, especially when a zoning issue is at stake," he explains.

Although the city's Zoning Commission—an appointive panel on which Domingue once served—makes zoning recommendations, the council has "the final say-so," he notes.

What motivated Domingue to venture into political waters?

"Well, I've always been inter-

ested in politics," he muses, citing previous appointments to the city's Regional Planning Commission and Zoning Commission.

Then pointing to a fact traditionally important in Louisiana politics, the trim grandfather of three reveals, "We're a large family." His wife and the two daughters remaining at home played active roles in his recent campaign, and he had the support of his remaining three children and their spouses—all of whom are voters in Domingue's district.

When he began actively campaigning for the seat in March—about a month before the first primary—he and his daughters would knock on doors on opposite sides of the same street.

Voters seemed to be "impressed" by the efforts of 20-year-old Laurie and 21-year-old Annette, their father says.

Crediting his election to "my friends, my family's hard work and my work," Domingue adds that his campaign focused on "selling myself as Robert Domingue—as is."

Noting that "having an open door to our constituents all the time and informing them on what we're doing" was an important plank in his platform, the new councilman says he is "putting together a committee of concerned citizens throughout my district"

who will act as his advisors throughout his tenure.

Since the council holds weekly evening meetings, Domingue finds other activities aside from GSU duties "are down to zero right now."

He is being briefed on all seven of the city's departments—including the city-owned utility.

Claiming that Lafayette has an outstanding fiscal record—"we've been in the black for eight years"—Domingue says that department has been one of the few successful municipally-owned utilities. With a generating capacity of 387 megawatts, the city is now selling 136 megawatts to other utilities. Last year's peak was only 206 megawatts, he recalls.

Domingue admits his first political campaign taught him a few lessons.

In the first place, only a small percentage of the 7,500 voters in District 1 were motivated enough to go to the polls.

The first primary ballot featured a mayor's race, a council race, a tax question and a presidential preference question, but only 49.2 percent of the registered voters cast ballots.

Turnout was even smaller for the second primary, when 22.9 percent went to the polls.

And the lessons that Domingue remembers most are "You can't stir up enough interest and you can't get to everybody."

Because of that, Domingue has since urged Lafayette's delegation to state Senate and House seats to "shorten the time between primaries."

He proposes allowing only two weeks, rather than the current month, between primaries.

"If you could shorten the time, it would still be fresh in people's minds for the runoff and it would be cheaper to run a campaign," he suggests.





# Employees tour River Bend site, historic landmarks

Photographs by Anna Raymond and Joe Russian

Judging from the enthusiastic response of company employees and their spouses, the recent tours of the River Bend nuclear plant near St. Francisville were successes.

Transported on chartered, air-conditioned buses, about 150 people from the Beaumont and Port Arthur divisions toured the construction site, then picnicked in nearby Audubon Park on their June 14 excursion.

A week later, 56 Lake Charles employees joined some Baton Rouge employees in a similar tour.

The plant, about 15 percent complete, gave the visitors a chance to see how nuclear plants are constructed. Information also was given to the group by Construction Superintendent Joe Wimberley and site engineers who acted as tour guides.

Following the jambalaya lunch in the park on each of the Saturdays, the groups strolled around the park and toured the historic Oakley plantation house, museum and gift shop.

Jim Turner of public affairs and Ed Smith of the transportation department organized the venture. Dorothy Nowell of Texas operations was one of the people who accepted reservations, and she reported receiving memorandums from two participants that seemed representative of the tour sentiments:

• Betty Scanlon, departmental clerk in internal audits, Beaumont: "This is just to let you know that I enjoyed the tour very much. It was quite informative and kind of exciting to see this plant in a construction stage. This tour gave Gulf Staters the opportunity to be a part of a very important company project.

"The picnic in the park was fine—two helpings' worth—and the historic home tour was an added treat."

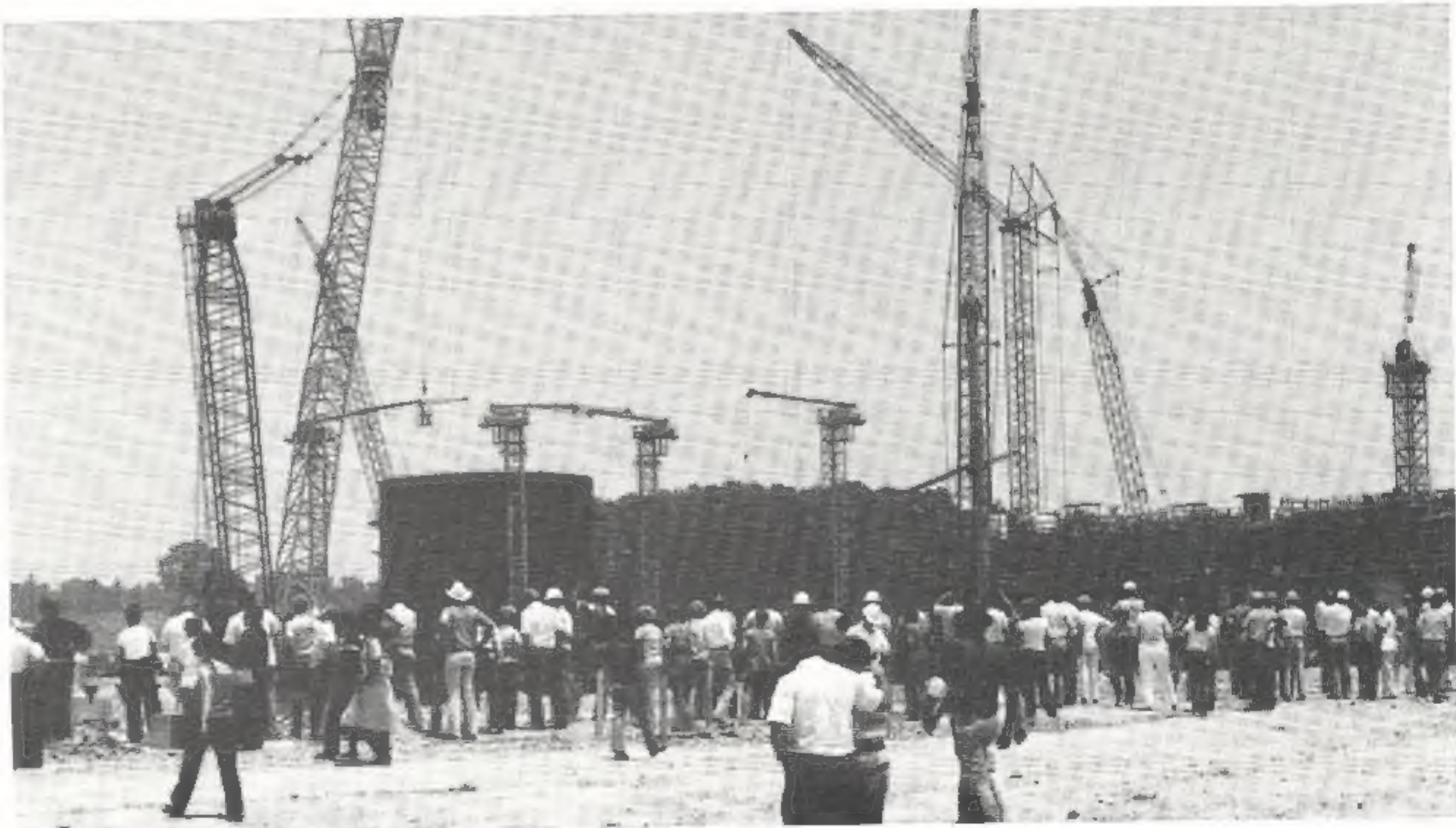
"I hope another tour will be considered when the plant is near completion."

• Stella Meza, departmental clerk in internal audits, Beaumont: "I would like to thank you and everyone involved in the River Bend tour. It was informative, interesting and enjoyable. I am glad that families were included so that they can share in the interest in River Bend.

"The food was delicious.

"I hope that another tour will be scheduled later in the construction program so that we can see another stage of the construction.

"Again, thanks to all who made the trip possible."





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# Parttime appliance work, outdoor activities keep Conroe retiree busy

Just after B.F. "Sparky" Sparks retired in 1972 as a serviceman-first class, employees in the Western Division's Transmission and Distribution (T&D) Department began using bucket trucks.

"I had to climb. I climbed up until my last day!" Sparks laments.

And that was no mean feat for a man who admits that as a boy he was "scared to death" of climbing 25-foot-tall windmills to perform routine maintenance chores. He overcame his fear of heights, however, in spite of a 1956 accident in which a pole broke, sending him tumbling to the ground. The mishap kept him off the job for six months.

A native of West Texas, where he grew up on a ranch and developed a lifelong liking for horses, Sparks went to work for a GSU ice factory in Navasota in 1936, then, in February, 1937, Gulf States hired him as a helper in the line crew that worked out of Huntsville.

Sparks was transferred to Conroe in late 1941, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Given a deferment because so many Gulf Staters had gone off to war, the 73-year-old nevertheless regrets not having served in the military. "The deferment wasn't because I wanted it," he insists. Ironically, Sparks' son, Don, recently retired as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

Since retiring, Sparks has busied himself as a parttime electrical appliance repairman. He also hunts, fishes, visits his lakeside weekend home and—for the past 24 years—has participated in Montgomery County's annual trail ride to Houston for the Fat Stock Show and Rodeo. He has missed only one trailride during that period, and that was on doctor's orders. This year, he won



the "scroungiest beard contest" sponsored by KIKR radio and was deemed the oldest man on the trail ride.

Although Sparks' horse, Smokey, died a couple of years ago from complications resulting from a rattlesnake bite, Sparks often borrows horses belonging to friends. While his wife, Daisy, does not care for the yearly horseback event, he camps out with the group and attends the dances each night, then participates in the Houston parade.

But Mrs. Sparks, who is also retired after having worked for years in a dry goods store and then a hospital, enjoys attending Shriners' dances in Houston with Sparks. The couple is also active in First Baptist Church of Conroe and he is a 32nd degree Mason.

Last year, Sparks was recognized by the Conroe Shriners for having sold more than \$1,000 worth of Shrine Circus tickets used to benefit crippled children. Sparks reports that he is now approaching the \$3,000 mark in circus ticket sales.





## GSUer's granddaughter to join Air Force

Roxanne "Sandy" Hemme, a recent graduate of Hammond (La.) High School, is slated to leave August 5 for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base.

She is the granddaughter of GSU retiree Newman Bankston, a former operator at Louisiana Station.

While in high school, Sandy was a member of F. H. A., Junior Achievement, Youth Art Councils of America, Mixed Choir, Marching Band and Concert Band.

She also served as vice president of a Christian Youth Fellowship chapter, reports Plain Talks Correspondent David Thornhill.

## Church establishes memorial fund for Harry Shepherd

A memorial fund has been established for the late Harry Shepherd at the First United Methodist Church in Nederland, Texas, reports Muriel Hayes of the Beaumont Main Office.

Shepherd, who was in Fossil Projects, died June 13.

Persons interested in obtaining more information about the memorial fund should call extension 237 in the Petroleum Building.

## Employees wear hats at Faver's request

Vic Faver, who recently retired from the company, admits he was pretty surprised one day this spring when the female employees in Customer Accounting, Beaumont, showed up in hats and white gloves.



The women wore the items in a joking response to Faver's comment that he missed the days when women dressed up.

Pictured with Faver are Charmayne Pierce, Linda Perella, Janice Grant, Katy Atchison, Charlotte Bass and Carolyn Watson.

## Max May retires, ending 41½-year career with GSU

John M. "Max" May, supervisor of accounting and administration at Louisiana Station, retired July 1, ending a 41½-year career with Gulf States.

After being hired on Dec. 26, 1938, May progressed through several positions before becoming test foreman on July 1, 1961—a position he held until April 1, 1978, when he was named to his latest position.

May, who is married to the former Milda Sartin, attended LSU and is a World War II vet-



eran with 42 months' service in the Air Force.

A Baptist, he is a member of the American Legion and is a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner.

## Lamm retires in Lafayette



John Lamm of Lake Charles Division Operations retired on July 1, ending a 43-year career with GSU.

At the time of his retirement, Lamm was a superintendent in the Lafayette office. About 200 friends and co-workers attended his June 20 farewell party at the Lafayette service center. They presented him with a watch in a finely-crafted incolay (manmade stone) case.





## Lafayette employee's daughter excels in high school

Tina Sam, a 1980 high school graduate and the daughter of Lafayette GSUer Joseph Sam, excelled during her years at Northside High School.

At commencement exercises, Tina was awarded a four-year athletic scholarship to Grambling University, where she plans to major in business.

Tina, whose father has been a meter reader for Gulf States since 1968, was a member of Northside's Pep Squad, N-Club, Service Club, dance team, cross country and girls' track teams, the Southern Association and the AAU track team.

She was also commended by the Lafayette Parish School Board in a public resolution aimed at outstanding students.

## Choctaw T&D employees improve safety by 46 percent

Choctaw T&D employees were the winners of a recent six-month safety contest between Baton Rouge Division locations, with the Choctaw group improving their safety performance by 46 percent.

As a result, they were honored with a barbecue dinner on April 25.

## Administrative Services

### golf tournament winners named

Winners have been announced for the second annual Administrative Services golf tournament, held at the Riverwood Club near Vidor, Texas, on May 31.

They were:

- First place, Gary Nicholas.
- Second place, Lyle Gerac.
- Third place, Glenn Davis.
- Duffer's award, Mickey Wilson.
- Low putt, Lyle Gerac.
- Closest to the hole, Dan Syphrett.
- Longest drive, Tony Causey.



## Three Beaumonters given gag gifts upon anniversary

Three Accounting Services employees in the Beaumont Main Office received gag gifts on June 6 when they each celebrated an anniversary with the company.

Those recognized were Tommy Goth, who observed his third anniversary; Karen Collins, who has been with the company one year; and LaVerne Perry, who has four years' service with Gulf States.

## Beaumont employees honor Leon Gaspard upon retirement

Leon Gaspard, a 34-year veteran of the company, was honored upon his retirement with a party hosted by co-workers at the Beaumont Service Center on May 30.

A garage foreman, Gaspard joined the company on Aug. 22, 1945—a career broken only by a stint in the U.S. Air Force from March 3, 1951, until July 28, 1952.

Gaspard reveals that he plans to spend some of his free time using the fishing gear presented to him during the party.



## Beaumont couple adopts baby boy

Beaumont GSUer Robert H. Pohl and his wife, Betty, have adopted a baby boy, Jason Michael.

According to the proud dad, his new son was born May 16.

Co-workers surprised Pohl on June 13 with a surprise party in his honor and gave him a frame to display a picture of Jason.



# ON THE MOVE

**Sullivan, Daniel D.**, Louisiana Station, to turbine water plant operator, Plant Production Operations

**Thompson, Twalah B.**, Beaumont, to secretary-executive, Fuels and Materials

**Trahan, Beverly B.**, Baton Rouge, engineer, transferred to Baton Rouge Division Consumer Services

**Trammel, Howard T.**, Beaumont, to supervisor-meter security, Internal Audits

**Trevino, Ronaldo R.**, Port Arthur, to relay foreman, T&D Relay

**Trousdale, James H.**, Beaumont, to director-fuel transportation, Fuel Services

**Tullier, Aaron G.**, Beaumont, to supervisor-estimating and engineering reports, Engineering Services

**Wales, Dennis A.**, Beaumont, to coordinator-construction insurance, Risk Management Services

**Ward, Roy K.**, Beaumont, to meterman-2nd class, T&D Meter

**Ware, Don B.**, Conroe, to general substation foreman, T&D Substation

**Warner, Benny L.**, Beaumont, to system operator, Power Supply

**Weir, Terry L.**, Beaumont, to accountant, System Production

**White, David R.**, Beaumont, to director-corporate communications, Public Affairs

**Wiggins, Joe S.**, Beaumont, to general clerk, Accounting Services Subsidiary

**Williams, James E.**, Silsbee, to apprentice, T&D Line Dept.

**Williams, Pamela S.**, Beaumont, to stenographer-executive, System Production

**Williams, Ronald W.**, Lake Charles, to lineman 3rd class, T&D Line Dept.

**Williams, Willie Jr.**, Baton Rouge, to serviceman 2nd class, T&D Service

**Wilson, David M.**, Beaumont, to relayman 3rd class, T&D Relay

**Winn, Luish Jr.**, Beaumont, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production

**Wooley, Darrell G.**, Huntsville, to lineman-4th class, T&D Line Dept

**Yennie, Michael J.**, Beaumont, to manager-accounting services, Nelson Coal

**Zito, Samuel C. Jr.**, Willow Glen, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production

**Berryhill, Mary M.**, Beaumont, to senior systems analyst, Information and Data Services

**Bordeman, Charles W.**, Beaumont, to division accounting superintendent, Beaumont Division Accounting

**Bridges, Mitchell S.**, formerly of Beaumont, to supervisor-accounting and administration, Plant Production, Sabine Station

**Cooksey, Joseph W.**, Beaumont, to senior purchasing agent, Materials Management

**Dana, Robert H.**, Beaumont, to senior accountant, Tax Services

**Gregory, William S.**, Beaumont, to senior systems analyst, Information and Data Services

**Hebert, James F.**, Sabine Station, to mechanical maintenance foreman, Plant Production

**Hoefs, Richard A.**, Beaumont, to systems analyst, Information and Data Services

**Howell, Lewis B.**, Beaumont, to senior internal auditor, Internal Audits

**Jean, Gordon R.**, formerly of Willow Glen, to shift supervisor, Plant Production, Nelson Station

**Johnston, Virginia A.**, Beaumont, to secretary executive, Fossil Projects

**Jordan, Roy M.**, formerly of Conroe, to planning and scheduling analyst, Beaumont Fossil Projects

**Landrum, James R.**, formerly of Nelson Station, to accountant, Beaumont Accounting Services

**Lawrence, Evelyn R.**, formerly of Mid-County, to personnel department clerk, Beaumont Human Resources

**Loggins, Edward M.**, Beaumont, to executive vice president, Administrative Services

**Marino, Bonnie R.**, formerly of Baton Rouge, to personnel assistant, Human Resources, River Bend Site

**Maxwell, Lana J.**, Beaumont, to stenographer-executive, Fuel Services

**Moosman, Stewart K.**, Sabine Station, to electrical maintenance foreman, Plant Production

**Prothro, John T.**, Beaumont, to purchasing agent, Materials Management

**Shankle, Ellis P.**, formerly of Baton Rouge, to personnel administrator, Human Resources, River Bend Site

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## Safety glasses and footwear available for employee purchase

Sometimes it seems next to impossible to buy a good quality product that is also inexpensive, but GSU's safety department offers all employees a chance to do just that.

Safety Representative Gene Russell says the company encourages employees to purchase safety glasses and safety shoes by offering a payroll deduction plan for buying the two items.

Under an agreement with the Houston firm, Safety Shoe Distributor Inc., the company enables employees to buy Hy-Test brand safety shoes and boots at wholesale price, plus \$4 per pair for handling and shipping costs. Hy-Test is a nationally-recognized manufacturer of quality safety shoes, Russell explains.

Interested employees may select from a wide variety of men's and women's styles in various sizes. Displays are set up in some

areas, but employees may obtain additional information from any safety representative, according to Russell.

Although the program is open to all employees, purchases must be for the employee only. Participants will be limited to purchasing two pairs per year, unless the nature of their work requires more frequent shoe purchases, Russell says.

Payroll deductions for shoe purchases will be \$10 per month, with the final deduction being any amount less than \$20. Employees who wish to pay cash will be invoiced after they receive their shoes or boots.

Safety glasses, plain or with corrective lenses, may also be purchased by any employee under another payroll deduction plan.

The procedure for buying safety glasses involves:

- Obtaining a prescription form for Atlas Optical Dispensary, the

Baton Rouge firm handling GSU orders, from your local safety representative.

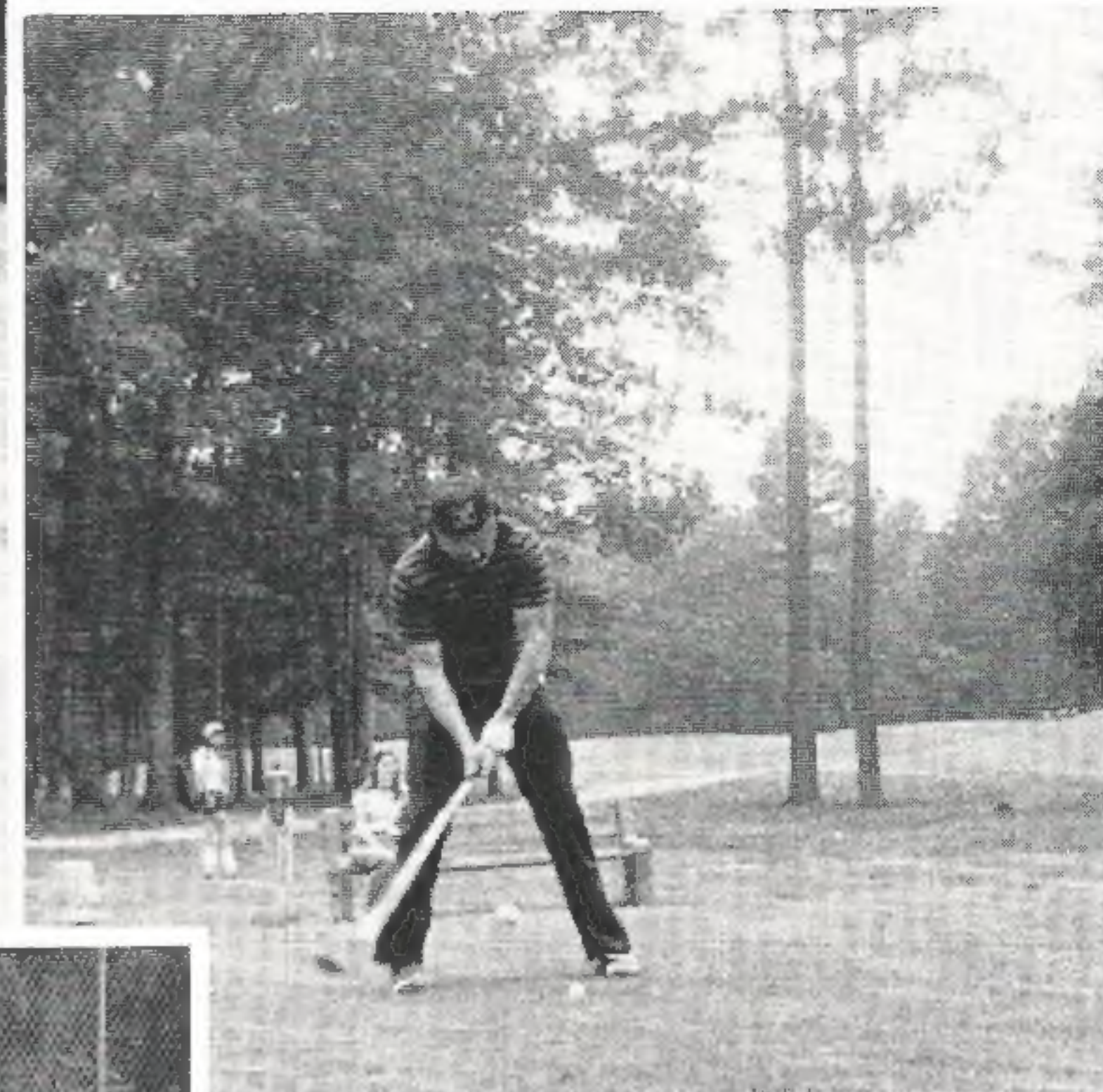
- Taking the form to the optometrist or ophthalmologist of your choice and having him complete the order form and sign it. While the cost of an examination and prescription is at the patient's expense and will not be placed on the payroll plan, those with a prescription already on file may simply have their doctor fill out the form and sign it.

- Returning the completed form to the safety representative, who will check the form for accuracy before placing the order.

- Selecting the frame style, as well as any other special features, such as tinted lenses.

According to Russell, the payment schedule is the same as for the safety shoes. Monthly payments will be \$10, with the final payment any amount less than \$20.

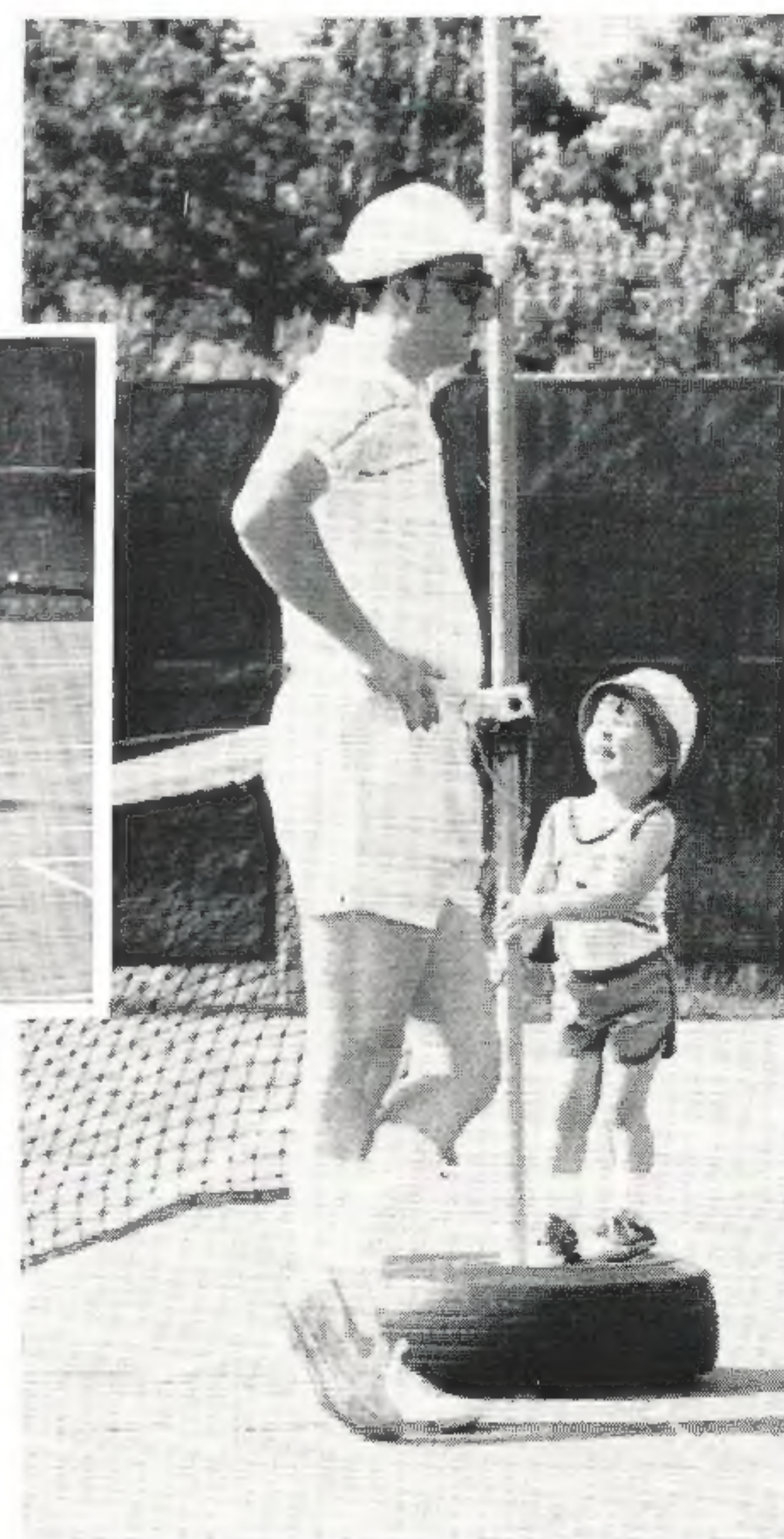
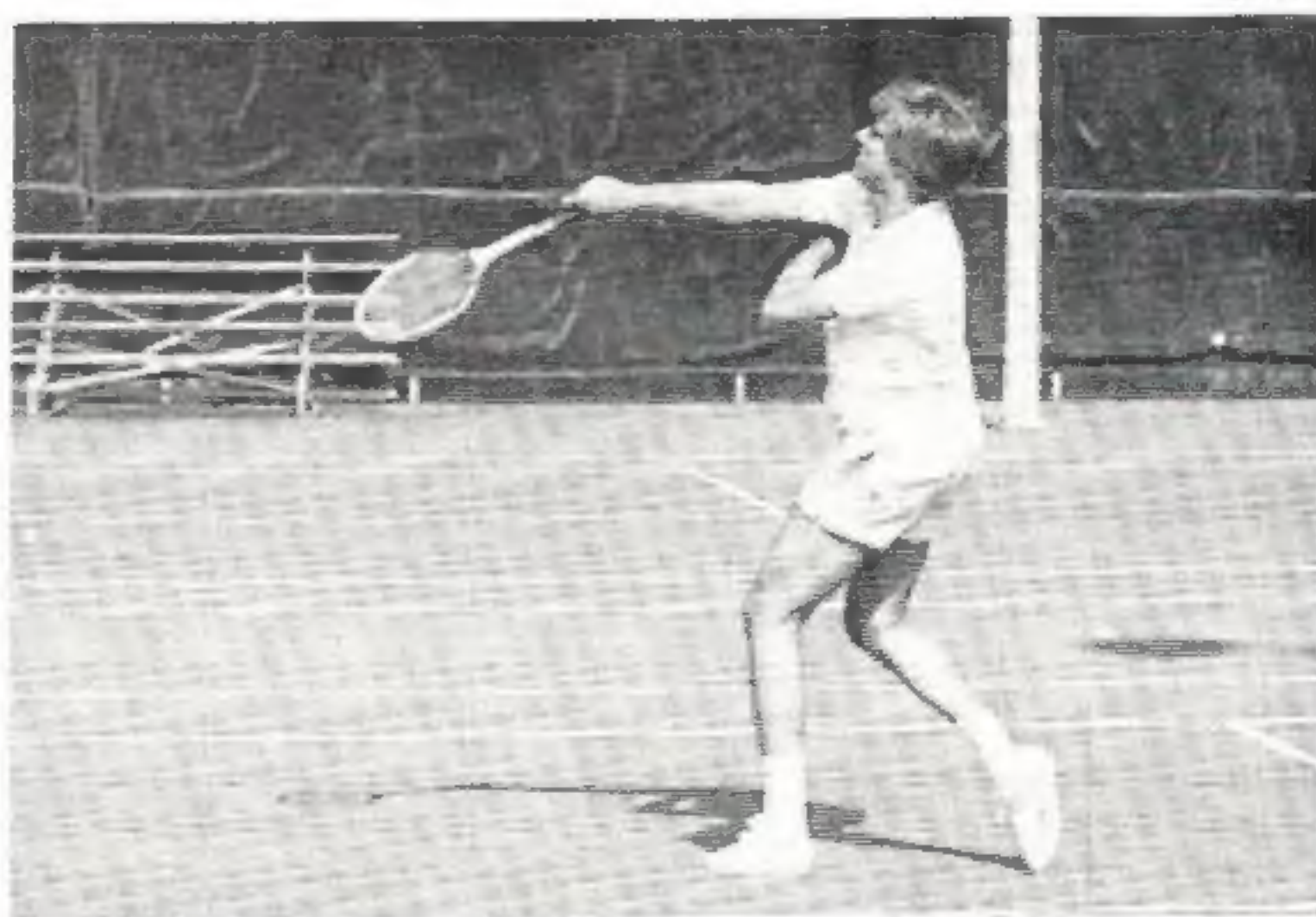




## For some GSUers, summertime means sports time



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## Illinois Power Company receives EEI award for rebuttal videotape

Illinois Power Company has been given the Edison Award for distinguished service to the electric utility industry. The award was presented to Wendell J. Kelley, Illinois Power chairman and president, at the Edison Electric Institute's 48th annual convention in Chicago in mid-June.

The Decatur-based utility was recognized for its work in preparing a videotape rebuttal to a misleading report on the construction of its Clinton nuclear power plant, which was aired by CBS' "60 Minutes" last November 25.

The skillfully-edited Illinois Power production is actually a program about a program—which was made possible by the fact that while "60 Minutes" was filming IPC personnel, the utility itself was videotaping "60 Minutes" at work simultaneously.

The 42-minute tape mimics the distinctive "60 Minutes" style and interrupts the segment at a dozen different points to comment and expand on those areas that "60 Minutes" either edited out, presented incorrectly or chose to ignore.

EEI cited IPC "for foresight in anticipating and preparing for a potentially misleading television broadcast and for innovation in communicating with the public; for leadership and courage in demonstrating that gross inaccuracies and distortions of fact by the electronic media can be effectively countered; and for presenting a valuable case study to the electric utility industry, the media and the nation at large on the vital importance to the public interest of responsible journalism."

## Infant mortality rate figures released for Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Department of Health released data in late May showing that infant mortality rates for the area around Three Mile Island for 1979 were lower than for the rest of the state.

The data reflected fourth-quarter figures. Pennsylvania Health Secretary Dr. H. Arnold Muller said, "We continue to find no evidence to date that radiation from the nuclear power plant resulted in an increased number of fetal, neonatal or infant deaths."

According to an Edison Electric Institute publication, previously incorrectly used data had created a scare that the radiation from Three Mile Island was producing adverse health effects.

## NAACP leader links energy adequacy to black advancement

Declaring that a recession for the rest of the U.S. amounts to a depression in the black community, Dr. Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), warned recently that growing unemployment and other social problems have created the conditions that may lead to urban insurrection in the months ahead.

Hooks addressed the 48th annual convention of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), which met in Chicago in mid-June.

Hooks reminded the convention that the NAACP believes there is an inescapable linkage between energy adequacy, economic growth and the advancement of blacks.

The NAACP, Hooks said, has become increasingly concerned that the goals of some of the nation's so-called consumer groups do not truly represent the best

interests of the poorest segment of the population.

"We make no apologies for our concern with the availability of energy for the masses of people in this country," Hooks said.

Since holding an energy conference in 1977, the NAACP has pushed for development of all energy resources, including nuclear power. Hooks told the conference that the NAACP still "stands behind that position 100 percent."

"We are concerned about the health of your industry, because we need energy," Hooks said.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, with 450,000 dues-paying members and organizations in all 50 states.

## Industry executive advocates balance of coal, nuclear

The nation's electric utilities must add a reasonable balance of coal and nuclear power in order to assure a reliable supply of electricity for their customers, John J. Kearney, a senior vice president of the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), recently told the House subcommittee on energy research and production.

But Kearney said such a balance is not likely to be achieved under the current Administration's policy to defer commercial reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, to cancel the Clinch River Breeder Reactor and to decrease breeder research and development.



## Citing media-induced "nuclear phobia," writer poses more "what if" questions

**Editor's note:** The following tongue-in-cheek item by columnist John McMillan appeared in the May 21, 1980, edition of the Baton Rouge State-Times.

A psychiatrist has blamed television news for the public's fear of nuclear power, a fear he termed "nuclear phobia."

Dr. Robert L. DuPont said this fear (which I call Glowphobia) was caused by reporters pursuing the "what ifs" of a situation, imagining what would happen if the worst thing anyone could conceive of occurred.

Reporters doing this "over and over," Dr. DuPont said, implanted unrealistic fears about nuclear energy in the public's mind.

It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it. People need to worry. I'm worried because reporters aren't doing enough of this sort of journalistic digging.

Like right now, why aren't reporters out digging up information on what if a communist agent posing as a Little League coach set off an atomic bomb on the Mississippi River levee at about, oh, say, Florida Boulevard?

I couldn't sleep last night worrying about this, but how many reporters were out checking into this possibility, I ask you? Probably not more than two or three at the most, and this city is inundated with reporters. And there is more than one story in something like this. It's easily a five-part series, complete with little maps and drawings illustrating projected property damage and death tolls.

Wait a minute! What if a member of the Alcohol Control Board went berserk and released all the animals at the zoo and forced them to drink vodka? Imagine the chaos! Drunken lions running amok and elephants seeing pink people. Monkeys gathering on street corners singing old school songs. And, at the same time, suppose the brakes on all the import cars in Baton Rouge failed simultaneously and then you lost a quarter in a Coke machine? How's that for a story?

What if a band of crazed members of the League of Women Voters held the city captive and made everyone listen to information on political candidates and precinct locations until Ronald Reagan admitted he dyes his hair? What if this happened? Why isn't someone looking into this? I want an answer! Not nearly

enough people are concerned about this.

At this very moment, more people are suffering from a fear of designer jeans than are worried about the League of Women Voters. Why is the potential danger from these people being suppressed?

And what if all the nuclear power plants in the United States sprang leaks within a 15-minute period, and the radiation resulted in a mutant race characterized by the fear of the color red?

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